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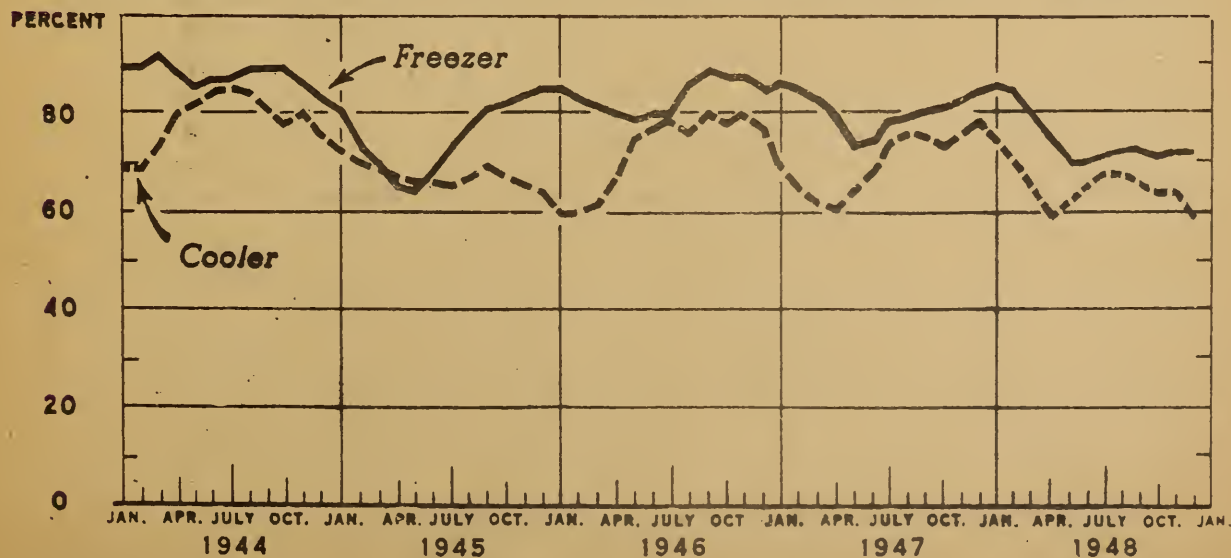
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OCCUPANCY OF PUBLIC COLD-STORAGE WAREHOUSES, 1944-48



Cooler occupancy in public warehouses falls 5 points; freezers stay at 72 percent.

Occupancy of coolers based on returns from public cold storage warehouses was indicated at 59 percent of capacity on December 1, a drop of 5 points during the month of November. Freezers were reported to be 72 percent filled, indicating no change from a month ago. In the case of coolers the 59 percent level of occupancy is the lowest recorded for December 1 since the Department began compiling this information. Only once, in 1940 when freezer utilization was 71 percent, have freezers been used to a lesser extent. Last year at this time coolers were 78 percent and freezers 84 percent occupied, thus cooler and freezer occupancy on December 1 was 19 points and 12 points, respectively, above the present figures. A state by state comparison reveals that an easing of cooler occupancy occurred in most states. Although freezer space for the country as a whole is not tight, Minnesota, Louisiana, Alabama and Mississippi show occupancies of 90 percent or over. On a city basis, Minneapolis continues to show a tight situation for coolers and Omaha reported an increase of 10 points for the month to a 90 percent level of utilization in its coolers. Cincinnati, Minneapolis, New Orleans and Los Angeles reported their freezers more than 90 percent full.

Total foodstuffs in storage reported at 3.8 billion pounds

On December 1 the volume of perishables held in cold storage totalled 3.8 billion pounds. A net withdrawal, amounting to 48 million pounds was recorded for the month of November. Freezer held commodities reflected a net increase of 15 million pounds--poultry and meats increased while frozen fruits, frozen vegetables, cream, butter and frozen eggs decreased. Commodities stored in coolers were drawn down by 63 million pounds net, with all items except meat and meat products contributing to the withdrawal.

Apple and pear holdings continue below average

A contra-seasonal decline of 316 thousand bushels of apples brought total stocks on hand to 22.1 million bushels for December 1. This is 13.7 million bushels below stocks of a year ago and 8 million bushels less than the 5-year (1943-47) average. Pear stocks were drawn down seasonally to a level of 1.9 million bushels, a volume which is .4 million bushels below average. A year ago pear holdings were at a high level of 3.3 million bushels.

Seasonal declines recorded for frozen fruits and vegetables

Stocks of both frozen fruits and frozen vegetables declined seasonally during November. The 346 million pounds of frozen fruits on hand on December 1 reflected a decline of 16 million pounds for the month. Last year, there were 392 million pounds of fruits in freezers. With the exception of apples, blueberries, fruit juices and purees, and other frozen fruits (unclassified), all frozen fruit items were less than a month ago. Frozen vegetables held in cold storage on December 1 amounted to 306 million pounds, down 6 million pounds from a month ago. This year's stocks of frozen vegetables are well above the 5-year average of 250 million pounds but below last year's figure of 324 million pounds. Changes in stocks indicated that all vegetables were being withdrawn during November except broccoli, Brussels sprouts, spinach and other frozen vegetables (unclassified).

Storage stocks of dairy and poultry products change seasonally

Dairy and poultry products as a group reacted to past seasonal patterns during November. Declines were recorded for all commodities falling within this group except poultry which increased by 14 million pounds. On December 1, there were 47 million pounds of cream on hand, down 12 million pounds from a month ago, but above 1947 and the 5-year average by 13 million pounds. Butter recorded a net withdrawal of 23 million pounds leaving current stocks at 60 million pounds which is above last year's holdings of 46 million pounds but 33 million pounds under average.

The decline in cheese holdings was of greater than average amount bringing stocks down to 165 million pounds from the 195 million pounds recorded for November 1. The on hand quantities of cheese were slightly above average. During November shell egg stocks were drawn down by 1.2 million cases net to 454 thousand cases on hand for December 1. Last year, shell egg stocks amounted to 824 thousand cases; the 5-year average is 1.1 million cases. Frozen eggs in store totalled 139 million pounds; 30 million pounds less than a month earlier. These stocks were below last year and the average by 26 million pounds and 30 million pounds respectively. Mainly because of the net increase in fowl and turkey stocks poultry holdings as a group increased from 155 million pounds to 169 million pounds during the month of November. These holdings are the lowest recorded for December 1 since 1940. A year ago poultry held in storage amounted to 317 million pounds.

Meat stocks increase during November

The net into-storage movement of 136 million pounds of meats during November raised total stocks for December 1 to 518 million pounds. This compares with 562 million pounds last year and the 5-year average December holdings of 506 million pounds. Net accumulations during November was 40 percent greater than average but was 20 percent less than last year. Beef stocks amounted to 109 million pounds, an increase of 21 million pounds over last month. Pork holdings increased by 94 million pounds and totalled 298 million pounds on December 1 compared with 305 million pounds last year. Other meats and meat products of 111 million pounds were 20 million pounds greater than last month. Lard and rendered pork fat moved contra- seasonally during November. A net into-storage movement of 4 million pounds was in contrast to an average out-of-store movement of 11 million pounds and a 17 million pound decrease last year. There were 68 million pounds of lard and 3 million pounds of rendered pork fat in store on December 1, which in total was about 8 million pounds below average for this time of year.

Fishery products up 9 million pounds

Net into-storage of 9 million pounds during November advanced total stocks of frozen fishery products to 157 million pounds. Of this quantity, 123 million pounds were salt-water species, 11 million pounds fresh water fish and 23 million pounds were shellfish. The total on hand December 1 was 15 million pounds above the holdings last year and was 21 million pounds greater than average.

Storage outlook

Cooler occupancy now at an all time record low for December should continue to drop until spring of next year. Records of cooler occupancy since 1940 show that generally, occupancy in coolers decreases from now until April, as all cooler items except cooler meats, lard and nuts are withdrawn. When shell eggs begin to move in- to store, cooler occupancy usually increases. However, before the low is reached in March, it is expected, if the past pattern is followed, that cooler occupancy will drop 6 to 8 points during this period.

Freezer occupancy of 72 percent on December 1 was at a near record low--the lowest is 71 percent recorded on December 1, 1940. According to past records, on 4 occasions since 1940, freezer occupancy has increased from December to January and in these instances generally represented peak occupancy for the year. However, the peak has been reached as late as March (1944). During 1948, freezers were about 75 percent occupied each month on the average compared with an average monthly occupancy of 80 percent last year and 84 percent in 1946.

PUBLIC COLD-STORAGE WAREHOUSES

(APPLE HOUSES EXCLUDED)

NET PILING SPACE AND PERCENTAGE OF SPACE OCCUPIED

DECEMBER 1, 1948

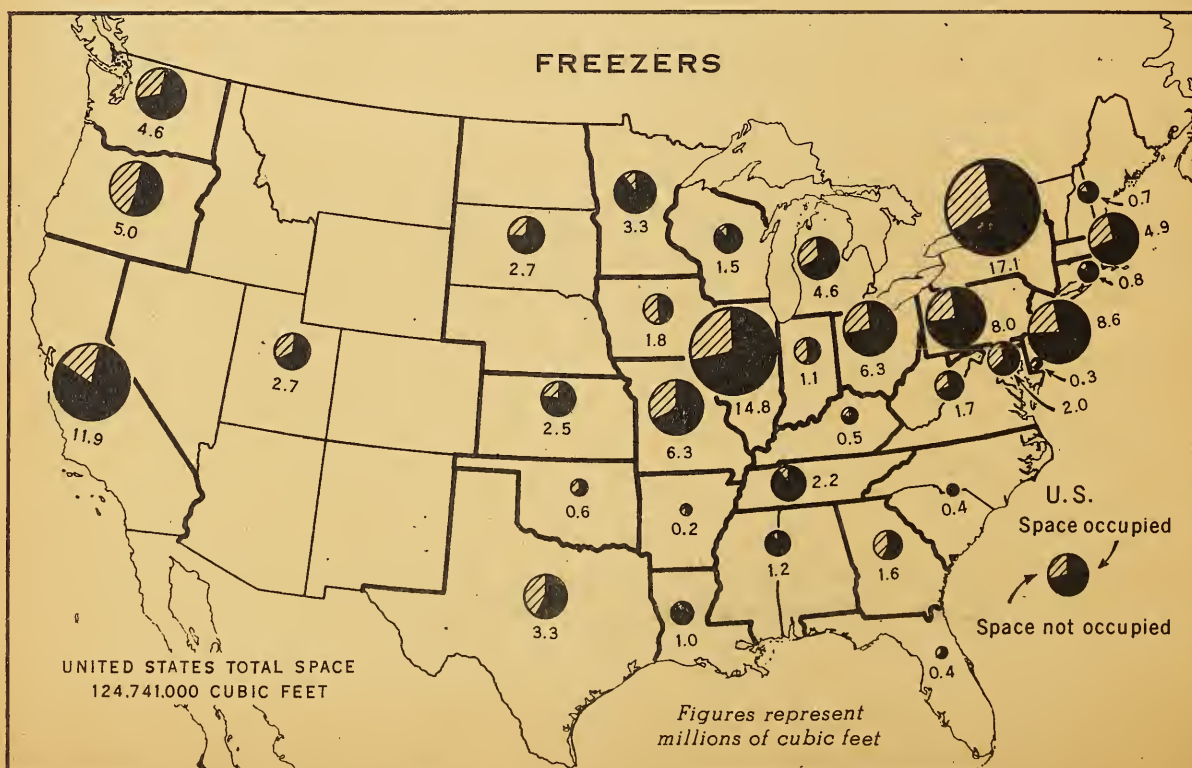
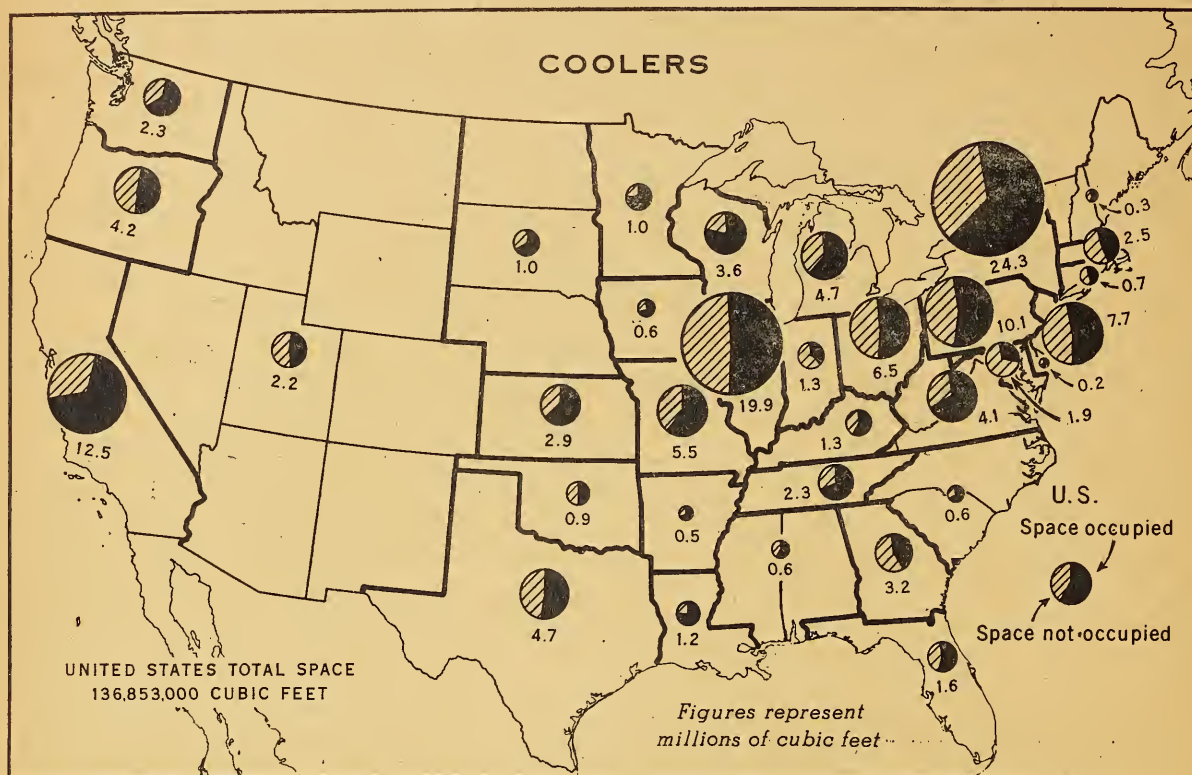


Table 1. — Public cold storage warehouses
(Apple houses excluded)

State or Geographic Region	Net piling space 1/		Percentage of space occupied 2/							
	Cooler	Freezer	Dec. 1, 5-yr. av. 1943-47		Dec. 1, 1947		Nov. 1, 1948		Dec. 1, 1948 3/	
			Cooler	Freezer	Cooler	Freezer	Cooler	Freezer	Cooler	Freezer
	("000" cu. ft.)		Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.
Maine, N. H. and Vt.....	300	658	67	80	84	65	63	77	60	82
Massachusetts.....	2,536	4,895	61	87	70	83	51	67	48	72
R. I. and Connecticut.....	725	774	77	86	90	76	52	84	49	86
NEW ENGLAND.....	3,561	6,327	65	86	74	81	51	69	49	73
New York.....	24,269	17,140	73	87	80	83	65	71	65	70
New Jersey.....	7,748	8,617	79	92	76	92	56	77	53	77
Pennsylvania.....	10,069	8,041	74	91	73	89	58	80	55	76
MIDDLE ATLANTIC.....	42,086	33,798	75	89	77	86	62	75	60	74
Ohio.....	6,503	6,311	77	90	79	91	52	69	53	74
Indiana.....	1,269	1,088	73	89	83	83	51	64	38	55
Illinois.....	19,929	14,761	67	84	77	83	68	78	52	72
Michigan.....	4,722	4,614	81	88	87	88	68	74	63	71
Wisconsin.....	3,617	1,530	79	88	85	81	86	84	78	89
EAST NORTH CENTRAL.....	36,040	28,304	73	86	79	86	67	75	56	73
Minnesota.....	969	3,321	68	84	84	86	91	89	77	90
Iowa.....	636	1,809	68	76	77	51	76	43	71	48
Missouri.....	5,503	6,334	78	80	90	86	65	67	60	68
Dakotas and Nebraska.....	1,048	2,745	75	86	73	92	78	71	66	74
Kansas.....	2,850	2,524	66	86	87	88	73	75	63	77
WEST NORTH CENTRAL.....	11,006	16,733	73	82	86	84	72	70	63	72
Delaware.....	233	281	77	88	100	100	73	70	73	70
Maryland and D. C.....	1,945	1,999	64	94	71	85	37	72	30	66
Virginia and West Va.....	4,103	1,732	78	85	85	77	70	63	69	71
No. & So. Carolina.....	607	360	75	76	81	72	62	75	70	81
Georgia.....	3,191	1,570	68	77	46	42	44	53	43	60
Florida.....	1,555	426	77	72	74	65	75	68	55	66
SOUTH ATLANTIC.....	11,634	6,368	72	84	69	69	58	65	53	67
Kentucky.....	1,261	510	82	72	88	95	60	76	59	76
Tennessee.....	2,302	2,179	75	79	76	88	75	77	69	76
Alabama & Mississippi.....	636	1,158	68	69	34	55	64	89	61	92
EAST SOUTH CENTRAL.....	4,199	3,847	75	76	74	80	69	81	65	81
Arkansas.....	451	244	68	83	53	85	54	38	71	50
Louisiana.....	1,163	1,047	78	90	68	82	80	90	77	93
Oklahoma.....	918	593	62	83	79	90	56	66	52	63
Texas.....	4,709	3,311	71	84	75	81	51	51	53	59
WEST SOUTH CENTRAL.....	7,241	5,195	71	85	73	83	57	59	57	65
MOUNTAIN.....	2,150	2,707	67	90	78	88	54	50	47	65
Washington.....	2,251	4,619	71	81	70	80	63	71	63	68
Oregon.....	4,193	4,950	76	75	91	69	47	61	49	53
California.....	12,492	11,893	78	87	83	88	70	84	69	81
PACIFIC.....	18,936	21,462	77	82	82	81	66	75	65	71
UNITED STATES 4/.....	136,853	124,741	74	85	78	84	64	72	59	72

1/ A Survey of the Capacity of Cold Storage Warehouses in the United States, October 1947.

2/ Percentage for the periods covered are comparable.

3/ Preliminary.

4/ Weighted average of the occupancy for geographic regions based on the corresponding net piling space.

COLD-STORAGE WAREHOUSES OTHER THAN PUBLIC
NET PILING SPACE AND PERCENTAGE OF SPACE OCCUPIED
DECEMBER 1, 1948

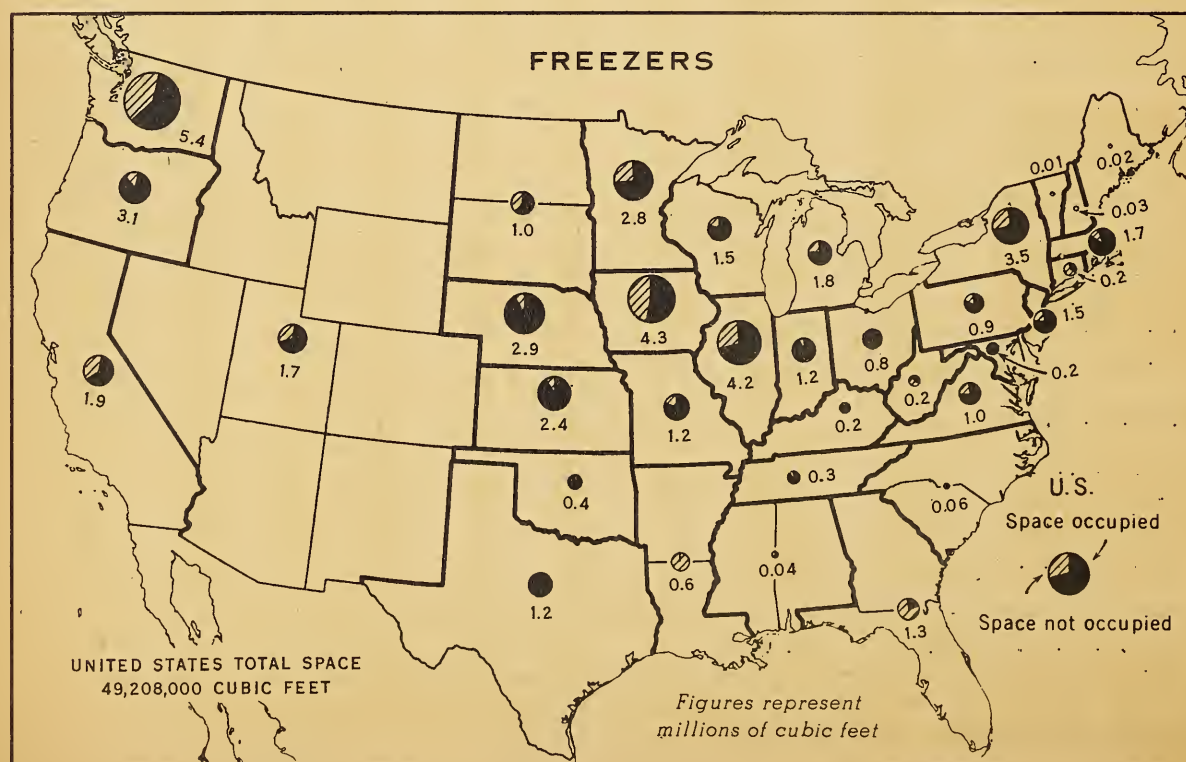
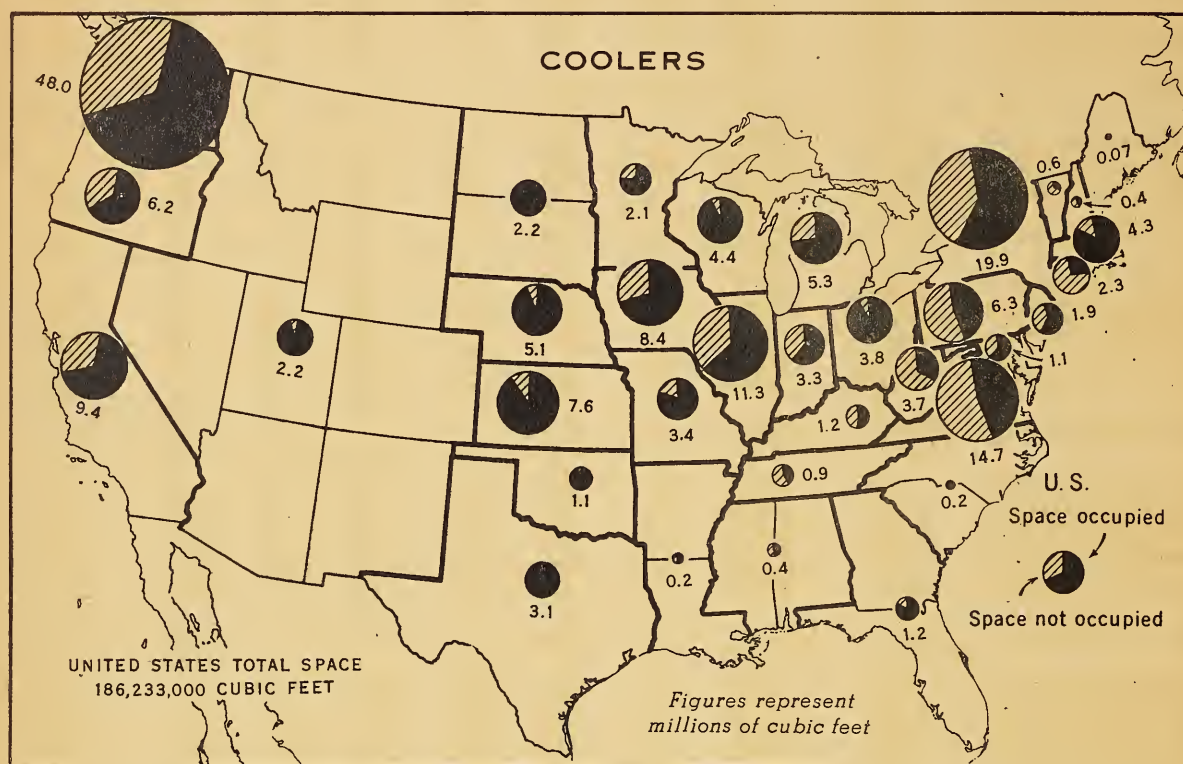


Table 2. — Private, semi-private warehouses and meat-packing plants
(Apple houses excluded)

Net piling space and percentage of space occupied December 1, 1948

State or Geographic Region	Private and semi-private warehouses				Meat-packing establishments			
	Net piling space 1/		Space occupied		Net piling space 1/		Space occupied	
	Cooler	Freezer	Cooler	Freezer	Cooler	Freezer	Cooler	Freezer
	("000" cu. ft.)		Pct.		("000" cu. ft.)		Pct.	
NEW ENGLAND.....	554	1,113	28	39	1,968	725	91	100
New York.....	2,563	2,481	73	93	4,539	500	86	65
New Jersey.....	222	1,401	-	99	454	91	-	-
Pennsylvania.....	503	548	58	96	1,738	149	86	81
MIDDLE ATLANTIC.....	3,293	4,430	62	93	6,731	740	86	71
Ohio.....	624	465	100	100	2,275	292	97	100
Indiana.....	398	349	97	95	2,379	899	94	92
Illinois.....	274	41	75	100	8,507	4,026	57	72
Michigan.....	1,590	1,237	75	77	1,234	395	97	100
Wisconsin.....	2,893	484	92	83	1,490	979	98	82
EAST NORTH CENTRAL.....	5,779	2,576	85	79	15,885	6,591	73	79
Minnesota.....	108	786	100	65	2,014	2,013	77	87
Iowa.....	670	948	82	64	7,725	3,343	71	51
Missouri.....	233	85	-	-	2,360	1,076	96	100
No. & So. Dak. & Nebr.....	531	1,567	100	100	6,718	2,250	95	77
Kansas.....	581	543	-	-	6,901	1,867	90	91
WEST NORTH CENTRAL.....	2,123	3,929	91	74	25,718	10,549	86	69
Del. Md. Va. & W. Va.....	394	531	-	88	1,238	131	92	99
NC., SC., Ga. & Fla.....	253	846	-	1	1,139	478	99	99
SOUTH ATLANTIC.....	647	1,377	-	31	2,377	609	94	99
Kentucky & Tennessee.....	190	101	100	100	1,642	359	82	88
Alabama & Mississippi.....	-	-	-	-	372	44	52	63
EAST SOUTH CENTRAL.....	190	101	100	100	2,014	403	75	86
Ark., La. & Oklahoma.....	124	641	-	-	1,073	407	97	100
Texas.....	576	123	100	-	2,497	1,045	99	100
WEST SOUTH CENTRAL.....	700	764	100	-	3,570	1,452	98	100
Mont. Idaho, Wyo., Colo....	164	314	95	67	1,473	482	94	97
Ariz., Utah & Nevada.....	18	340	47	9	555	184	93	100
MOUNTAIN.....	182	654	90	36	2,028	666	94	98
Washington & Oregon.....	1,013	5,352	29	63	1,283	547	93	98
California.....	4,370	1,202	66	100	2,773	605	81	63
PACIFIC.....	5,383	6,554	55	63	4,056	1,152	84	82
UNITED STATES 2/.....	18,851	21,498	69	66	64,347	22,887	84	77

1/ A Survey of the Capacity of Cold Storage Warehouses in the United States, October 1947.

2/ Weighted average of the occupancy for geographic regions based on the corresponding net piling space.

Table 3. — Public general warehouses in key cities

Net piling space and percentage of space occupied

Cities ^{1/}	Net piling space ^{2/}		Space occupied							
			Nov. 1, 1947		Dec. 1, 1947		Nov. 1, 1948		Dec. 1, 1948	
	Cooler ("000" cu. ft.)	Freezer	Cooler Pct.	Freezer Pct.	Cooler Pct.	Freezer Pct.	Cooler Pct.	Freezer Pct.	Cooler Pct.	Freezer Pct.
NEW ENGLAND										
Boston.....	1,339	3,417	67	96	59	94	49	71	42	75
MID ATLANTIC										
New York.....	12,704	13,105	75	83	73	84	52	65	51	66
Buffalo.....	1,008	1,971	67	90	52	90	60	68	51	65
Rochester.....	6,553	1,696	85	80	87	84	82	73	74	70
Philadelphia.....	3,624	5,018	69	95	67	93	56	82	53	81
Pittsburgh.....	2,233	2,046	81	92	84	92	62	86	62	84
E. N. CENTRAL										
Cleveland.....	3,950	3,171	78	91	81	95	45	62	47	68
Cincinnati.....	1,075	1,241	72	93	71	94	73	95	78	97
Chicago.....	16,858	14,346	76	80	75	83	68	78	51	73
Detroit.....	3,562	3,581	88	89	88	91	72	76	68	74
Milwaukee.....	1,182	1,020	89	89	87	89	84	91	85	95
W. N. CENTRAL										
Minneapolis.....	589	2,411	90	94	90	93	92	93	91	94
St. Louis.....	4,457	3,202	86	81	90	86	67	70	62	75
Kansas City.....	2,675	2,781	87	83	90	94	64	78	53	75
Omaha.....	483	2,122	92	97	88	92	80	76	90	77
SOUTH ATLANTIC										
Baltimore.....	709	978	79	79	70	93	75	83	56	79
Richmond.....	1,521	464	84	61	92	61	70	39	66	65
Norfolk.....	934	936	93	88	91	81	72	70	72	74
E. S. CENTRAL										
Nashville.....	1,153	1,525	89	71	87	88	88	84	83	84
Memphis.....	747	540	71	60	54	83	47	56	47	56
W. S. CENTRAL										
New Orleans.....	1,009	936	78	86	76	89	80	92	75	93
Dallas-Ft. Worth..	1,949	2,080	84	69	82	79	47	44	51	51
San Antonio.....	903	507	59	60	64	78	52	48	54	80
Houston.....	708	300	78	85	84	96	48	77	51	80
PACIFIC										
Seattle.....	1,079	1,902	76	90	79	89	61	80	58	82
Portland.....	1,913	3,466	77	76	76	69	49	57	51	46
Los Angeles.....	1,899	4,190	86	90	81	91	73	91	78	91
San Francisco.....	4,222	2,363	93	93	92	95	74	81	69	75
Total.....	81,038	81,315	80	85	77	88	63	73	58	72

^{1/} Space shown includes public warehouses within a 25 mile radius of city named.^{2/} A Survey of the Capacity of Cold Storage Warehouses in the United States, October 1947.

Table 4. — Apple houses

Regions	Net piling		Space occupied					
	space <u>1/</u>		Dec. 1, 1946		Dec. 1, 1947		Dec. 1, 1948	
	Cooler	Freezer	Cooler	Freezer	Cooler	Freezer	Cooler	Freezer
	("000" cu. ft.)		Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.
New England.....	5,161	79	52	-	-	-	49	-
Middle Atlantic.....	18,046	691	77	94	79	78	51	59
East North Central..	6,422	252	80	100	85	61	68	84
West North Central..	915	44	80	71	70	100	52	27
South Atlantic.....	17,938	691	84	86	69	81	41	62
East South Central..)								
West South Central..)	349	3	78	-	-	-	51	-
Mountain.....	7	362	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pacific.....	54,197	2,701	86	71	83	75	65	58
U. S. Total <u>2/</u>	103,035	4,823	82	81	78	77	58	60

1/ A Survey of the Capacity of Cold Storage Warehouses in the United States, October 1947.

2/ Weighted average of the occupancy for geographic regions based on the corresponding net piling space.

Table 5. — Apple and pear holdings by states

State	Apple holdings		Pear holdings	
	Dec. 1, 1947	Dec. 1, 1948	Dec. 1, 1947	Dec. 1, 1948
- Thousands of bushels -				
Vt., Mass., & Conn.....	2,050	1,286	3	1
New York.....	5,241	3,161	62	26
New Jersey.....	578	308	81	36
Pennsylvania.....	1,408	573	26	32
Ohio.....	536	290	12	5
Illinois.....	1,421	653	12	14
Michigan.....	962	601	8	9
Virginia.....	2,001	2,036	7	2
West Virginia.....	415	478	-	-
Missouri.....	931	307	3	2
Kansas.....	178	66	-	-
Washington.....	15,181	9,205	805	633
Oregon.....	1,308	887	1,770	711
California.....	1,802	1,524	435	435
Other States <u>1/</u>	1,778	722	35	15
U. S. Total.....	35,790	22,097	3,259	1,921

1/ Holdings for states having significant quantities of apples or pears are given above. Other holdings shown under, "Other States".

Table 6. — December holdings and changes during November 1948 1/

Cooler	Holdings	Net Change		Freezer	Holdings	Net Change	
Commodities	Dec. 1	during Nov.		Commodities	Dec. 1	during Nov.	
	"000" lbs.	"000" lbs.	%		"000" lbs.	"000" lbs.	%
Apples.....	1,060,656	-15,168	-1	Fruits.....	345,660	-16,763	-5
Pears.....	96,050	-21,450	-18	Vegetables.....	306,056	-5,912	-2
Dried & ev. Fts..	34,728	-3,299	-9	Cream.....	46,980	-12,293	-21
Can'd. ft. & Veg.	5,222	-6,264	-55	Cream'y butter..	59,865	-23,547	-28
Nuts & Nutmeats..	33,521	-1,769	-5	Eggs.....	138,938	-30,349	-18
Fish*.....	24,000	560	2	Poultry.....	168,819	14,202	9
Cheese.....	165,411	-30,059	-15	Beef.....	96,664	19,647	26
Shell eggs.....	20,430	-55,395	-73	Pork.....	108,291	47,329	78
Dried eggs.....	26,729	-1,434	-5	Sausage.....	3,384	528	18
Beef.....	12,301	1,543	14	Lamb & Mutton...	22,346	6,050	37
Pork.....	189,185	46,984	33	Veal.....	14,700	4,770	48
Sausage.....	7,712	-18	-	Edible Offal....	41,993	7,303	21
Canned meats.....	21,216	1,532	8	Lard & pork fat.	2,835	174	7
Lard & pork fat..	68,036	4,171	7	Fish*.....	126,000	2,935	2
Other.....	551,841	16,863	3	Other.....	29,929	579	2
Total.....	2,317,038	-63,203	-3	Total.....	1,512,460	14,653	1

1/ For a detailed breakdown see the following tables.

* Estimated.

TOTAL WEIGHT OF COOLER AND FREEZER COMMODITIES, 1946-48

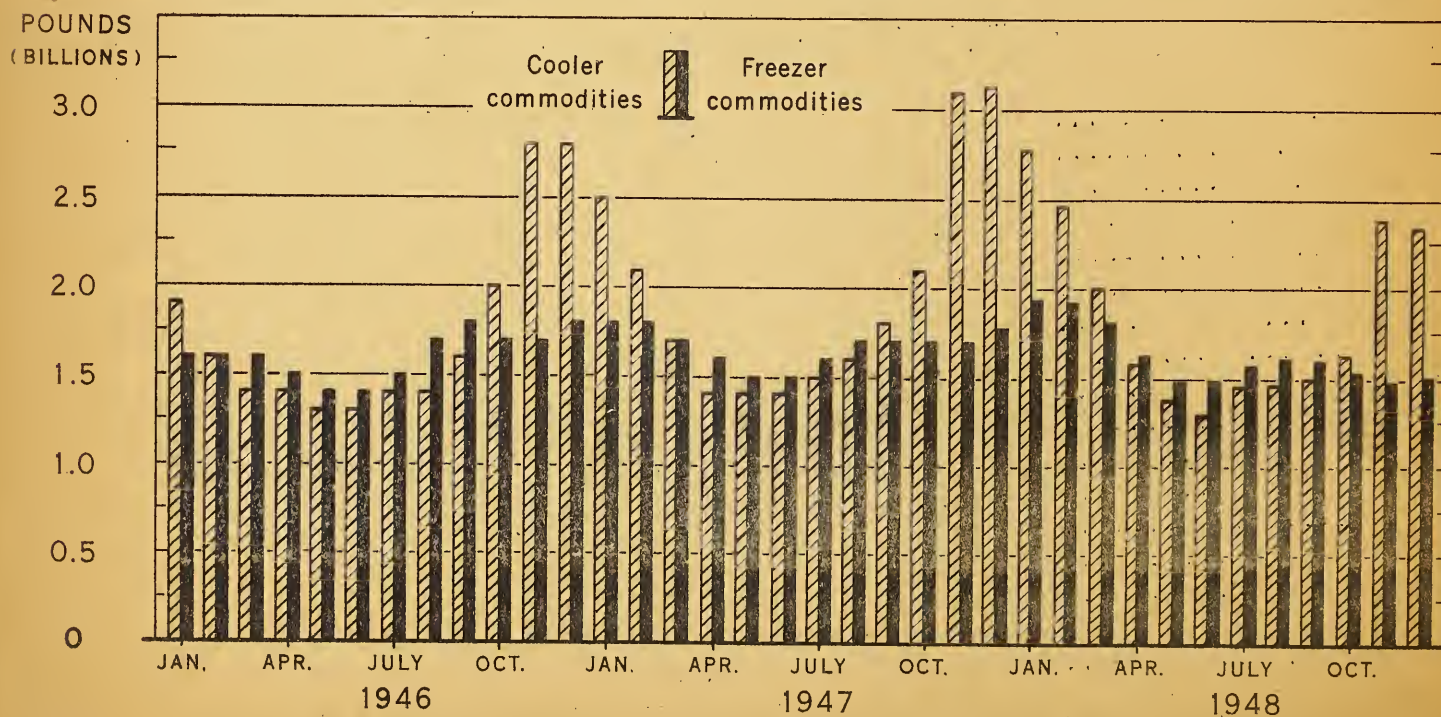


Table 7. — Fresh fruits and vegetables

Net changes in stocks during November and comparisons

Fresh apples: Decreased by .3 million bushels; November 1947 change was an increase of 2 million bushels; average November change was an increase of 2 million bushels.

Fresh pears: Decreased by .4 million bushels; November 1947 decrease was 1 million bushels; average November decrease was 1 million bushels.

Stocks of fruits and vegetables	'Dec. 1, 5-yr. 'av. 1943-47	Dec. 1 1947	Nov. 1 1948	Dec. 1 1948
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- Thousands -

FRESH APPLES

Apples.....Western, standard boxes <u>1/</u>	18,499	10,917	12,180
Apples.....Western, other containers <u>2/</u>	1,772	400	247
Apples.....Eastern, bushel baskets	7,533	4,378	3,727
Apples.....Eastern, other containers <u>2/</u>	7,986	6,718	5,943
Total apples.....bushels	30,047	35,790	22,413

FRESH PEARS

Pears, Bartletts.....packed boxes	35	46	61	47
Pears, Bartletts.....loose boxes	24	11	108	3
Pears, all other varieties..boxes	2,241	3,157	2,147	1,864
Pears.....bushel baskets	74	45	34	7
Total pears.....bushels	2,374	3,259	2,350	1,921

OTHER FRUITS & VEGETABLES

Other fresh fruits.....Pounds	76,966	54,830	63,909
Dried & evaporated fruits... "	66,160	53,975	34,728
Canned fruits & vegetables.. "	3,701	11,486	5,222
Potatoes.....Pounds	127,238	55,027	68,071
Onions....."	72,625	79,761	99,036
Celery....."	6,443	10,679	4,518
Other fresh vegetables....."	42,934	63,963	77,494
Nutmeats, peanuts.....Pounds	25,023	8,785	9,037
Nutmeats, other nuts....."	17,145	18,095	13,698
Peanuts, in shell....."	1,141	2,589	2,369
Other nuts in shell....."	8,695	5,821	8,417

1/ Western apples are those grown in Washington, Oregon, California, Idaho, Nevada, Wyoming, Montana, Utah, Colorado, Arizona, and New Mexico.

2/ Other containers reported in terms of bushels.

Table 8. — Frozen fruits and vegetables ^{1/}

Net changes in stocks during November and comparisons				
Frozen fruits: Decreased by 16 million pounds; November 1947 decrease was 14 million pounds; average November decrease was 9 million pounds.				
Frozen vegetables: Decreased by 6 million pounds; November 1947 decrease was 23 million pounds; average November decrease was 6 million pounds.				
Stocks of frozen fruits and vegetables	'Dec. 1, 5-yr. av. 1943-47	'Dec. 1 1947	'Nov. 1 1948	'Dec. 1 1948
- Thousands of pounds -				
FROZEN FRUITS				
Apples.....		35,002	15,637	18,926
Apricots.....		20,144	10,689	10,195
Blackberries.....	16,804	18,737	11,986	10,527
Blueberries.....		11,684	9,138	9,444
Cherries.....	44,158	59,996	63,642	56,461
Grapes.....		21,318	15,775	13,564
Peaches.....		44,590	22,245	21,554
Plums and prunes.....		11,018	6,765	6,009
Raspberries.....	19,379	24,391	27,557	24,815
Strawberries.....	34,257	48,802	97,578	89,425
Young, Logan, Boysen etc.....	11,392	15,652	14,662	12,957
Fruit juices and purees.....		28,092	29,370	30,202
All other fruits.....	233,313	52,651	37,329	41,581
Total.....	359,303	392,077	362,423	345,660
FROZEN VEGETABLES				
Asparagus.....	10,590	13,050	10,790	9,710
Beans, lima.....	21,684	40,185	60,272	57,027
Beans, snap.....	20,225	22,377	28,137	26,503
Broccoli.....	6,303	7,581	6,989	8,406
Brussels sprouts.....		5,055	2,090	3,786
Cauliflower.....		6,309	5,941	5,929
Corn, sweet.....	27,620	36,529	33,494	30,410
Peas, green.....	81,822	126,717	118,367	107,950
Pumpkin and squash.....		9,597	7,695	6,566
Spinach.....	16,852	16,604	9,964	11,645
All other vegetables.....	65,333	39,987	28,229	38,124
Total.....	250,429	323,991	311,968	306,056

^{1/} A report on package sizes for certain frozen fruits and vegetables will be issued December 22, 1948.

Table 9. — Dairy and poultry products

Net changes in stocks during November and comparisons

Cream: Decreased by 12 million pounds; November 1947 decrease was 11 million pounds; average November decrease was 10 million pounds.

Butter: Decreased by 23 million pounds; November 1947 decrease was 26 million pounds; average November decrease was 33 million pounds.

Cheese: Decreased by 30 million pounds; November 1947 decrease was 14 million pounds; average November decrease was 19 million pounds.

Shell eggs: Decreased by 1.2 million cases; November 1947 decrease was 1 million cases; average November decrease was 1.7 million cases.

Frozen eggs: Decreased by 30 million pounds; November 1947 decrease was 25 million pounds; average November decrease was 43 million pounds.

Frozen poultry: Increased by 14 million pounds; November 1947 increase was 39 million pounds; average November increase was 49 million pounds.

Stocks of dairy and poultry products	Unit	Dec. 1, 5-yr. av. 1943-47	Dec. 1 1947	Nov. 1 1948	Dec. 1 1948
CREAM & MILK					
		- Thousands -			
Fluid cream.....	lb. }	34,389	27,926	51,110	41,261
Plastic cream (75-85% butterfat)...	lb. }		5,901	8,163	5,719
Condensed milk (bulk).....	lb. }		82,447	50,845	35,826
Evap. & Cond. milk (case goods)....	lb. }			43,544	40,579
BUTTER					
Creamery.....	lb.	93,007	46,002	83,412	59,865
CHEESE					
American.....	lb.	141,378	139,355	167,535	139,799
Swiss including block.....	lb.	1,508	2,502	4,249	3,579
All other varieties <u>1/</u>	lb.	19,946	20,825	23,686	22,033
Total cheese.....	lb.	162,832	162,682	195,470	165,411
EGGS					
Shell.....	case	1,136	824	1,685	454
Frozen eggs, total <u>2/</u>	lb.	169,168	164,673	169,287	138,938
Whites.....	lb.	24,938	20,121	35,673	28,862
Yolks.....	lb.	18,615	24,558	32,362	26,899
Mixed.....	lb.	94,493	88,887	92,152	75,122
Unclassified.....	lb.	31,122	31,107	9,100	8,055
Dried eggs, total.....	lb.	48,133	35,884	28,163	26,729
Total eggs <u>2/</u>	case	10,460	8,803	9,115	6,832
FROZEN POULTRY					
Broilers.....	lb.	10,550	8,870	6,622	6,346
Fryers.....	lb.	19,727	18,462	11,204	10,882
Roasters.....	lb.	39,412	31,462	15,377	15,518
Fowls.....	lb.	81,436	102,585	48,672	52,427
Turkeys.....	lb.	74,609	86,470	34,024	46,974
Ducks.....	lb.	5,872	11,614	7,783	5,377
Miscellaneous.....	lb.	21,010	22,612	6,366	7,150
Unclassified poultry.....	lb.	28,364	35,037	24,069	24,145
Total poultry.....	lb.	280,980	317,112	154,617	168,819

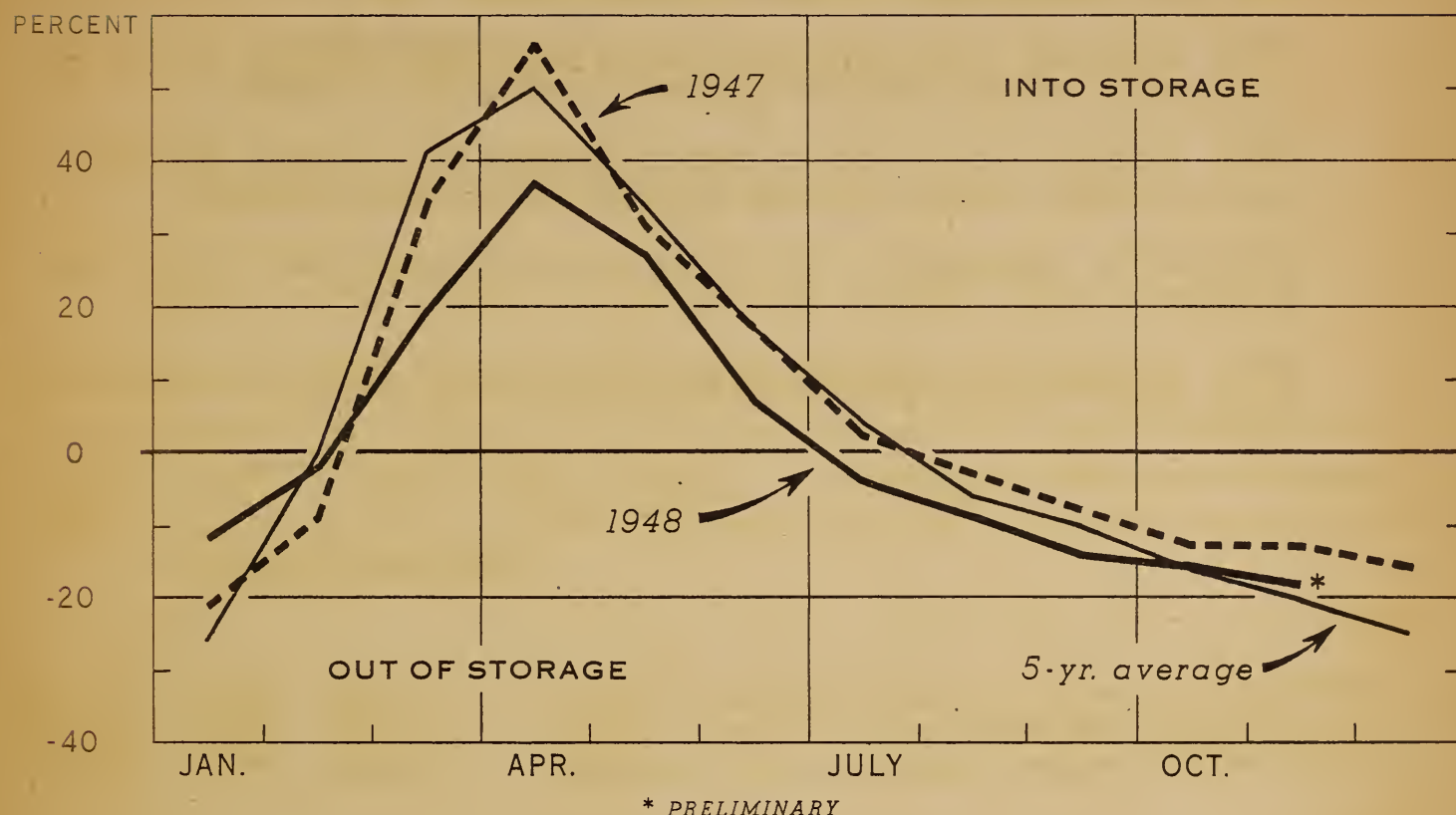
1/ Includes Brick and Munster Cheese.

2/ Frozen eggs are converted on the basis of 37.5 pounds to the case and dried eggs on the basis of 10 pounds to the case.

Table 10 — Dairy and poultry holdings by states December 1, 1948

States	Cream		'Creamery	'American'	Shell	'Frozen'	Total
	'Fluid	'Plastic'	butter	'cheese'	'eggs'	'eggs'	Poultry
	' lb.	' lb.	' lb.	' lb.	' case	' lb.	' lb.
----- Thousands -----							
Massachusetts.....	2,159	119	601	2,326	2	1,806	5,125
Other States.....			191	736	2	1,156	960
NEW ENGLAND.....			792	3,062	4	2,962	6,085
New York.....	14,518	200	8,584	14,739	13	22,929	20,986
New Jersey.....	1,769		4,778	3,649	14	4,357	4,113
Pennsylvania.....	1,791	291	2,040	2,121	14	4,457	4,894
MIDDLE ATLANTIC.....			15,402	19,509	41	31,743	29,993
Ohio.....	3,573	-	4,425	1,346	17	4,001	5,647
Indiana.....	1,203	40	662	403	1	3,654	645
Illinois.....	1,459	46	12,489	6,465	184	31,630	42,359
Michigan.....	1,796	75	876	629	9	1,804	5,184
Wisconsin.....	2,366	72	1,010	72,792	3	717	1,922
EAST NORTH CENTRAL.....			19,462	81,635	214	41,806	55,757
Minnesota.....	5,290	833	5,059	3,222	2	5,579	8,799
Iowa.....	210	14	1,838	99	28	3,416	3,761
Missouri.....	396	1,839	3,271	8,070	18	13,539	7,290
Dakotas.....			230	95	-	118	77
Nebraska.....			975	136	4	6,921	15,115
Kansas.....			558	267	8	7,958	4,183
WEST NORTH CENTRAL.....			11,931	11,889	60	37,531	39,225
SOUTH ATLANTIC.....			1,793	6,004	37	5,232	5,575
Kentucky.....			1,672	255	3	1,057	678
Tennessee.....			1,192	7,078	7	1,321	425
Ala. and Mississippi.....			299	57	10	301	295
EAST SOUTH CENTRAL.....			3,163	7,390	20	2,679	1,398
Arkansas & Louisiana.....			407	158	4	1,788	1,013
Oklahoma.....			610	64	4	2,554	631
Texas.....	405	510	1,034	3,053	15	5,987	2,750
WEST SOUTH CENTRAL.....			2,051	3,275	23	10,329	4,394
Colorado.....			487	107	6	816	1,238
Other States.....			418	2,288	8	754	3,486
MOUNTAIN.....			905	2,395	14	1,570	4,724
Washington.....			981	327	4	974	3,416
Oregon.....			805	2,601	4	432	4,452
California.....	646	398	2,580	1,712	33	3,680	13,800
PACIFIC.....			4,366	4,640	41	5,086	21,668
Other States, cream only.....	3,680	1,282					
UNITED STATES.....	41,261	5,719	59,865	139,799	454	138,938	168,319

FROZEN EGGS: MONTHLY PERCENTAGE CHANGE IN COLD STORAGE STOCKS, 1943-47 AVERAGE, 1947 AND 1948



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Table 11. — Commodities held by the Government ^{1/}

Commodity	'Unit'	'Dec. 1, 5-yr.' 'av. 1943-47	Dec. 1 ' 1947	Nov. 1 ' 1948	Dec. 1 ' 1948 ^{2/}
- Thousands -					
Butter, creamery.....	lb.	51,534	2,622	2,584	1,917
American cheese.....	lb.	49,780	687	358	345
Shell eggs.....	case	156	12	4	3
Frozen eggs.....	lb.	39,328	57,855	30,425	28,898
Dried eggs.....	lb.		34,472	22,881	23,738
Poultry.....	lb.		5,249	1,157	1,267
Lard & rendered pork fat.....	lb.	25,066	734	425	1,638
Dried fruits.....	lb.		527	111	103
Total.....	lb.	172,728	102,686	58,121	58,041

^{1/} Government holdings are included in the tables of total holdings elsewhere in the report and consist of reported stocks held by USDA, the Armed services and other Government agencies. In addition to stocks reported above, the armed services hold some stocks in space owned and operated by them on which figures are not available. Current figures not entirely comparable with 5 year average.

^{2/} Based on actual reports. Estimates on late reports are not included. Current figures will be revised next month.

Table 12. — Meats and meat products

Net changes in stocks during November and comparisons				
Beef: Increased by 21 million pounds; November 1947 increase was 32 million pounds; average November increase was 21 million pounds.				
Pork: Increased by 94 million pounds; November 1947 increase was 117 million pounds; average November increase was 63 million pounds.				
Other meats: Increased by 20 million pounds; November 1947 increase was 24 million pounds; average November increase was 10 million pounds.				
Lard: Increased by 4 million pounds; November 1947 change was a decrease of 17 million pounds; average November change was a decrease of 11 million pounds.				
Stocks of meats and meat products	'Dec. 1, 5-yr. 'av. 1943-47	Dec. 1 '1947	Nov. 1 '1948	Dec. 1 '1948

- Thousands of pounds -

BEEF

Frozen.....	129,047	118,908	75,329	94,713
In cure, cured and smoked.....	11,579	14,629	12,446	14,252
Total beef.....	140,626	133,537	87,775	108,965

PORK

Frozen.....	98,022	113,486	54,555	96,589
Dry salt in cure and cured.....	38,307	19,626	17,433	26,148
Other in cure, cured & smoked.....	154,045	171,739	131,175	174,739
Total pork.....	290,374	304,851	203,163	297,476

OTHER MEATS AND MEAT PRODUCTS

Sausage and sausage room products.....		13,576	10,586	11,096
Frozen lamb and mutton.....	19,702	17,280	16,296	22,346
Frozen veal.....		18,319	9,930	14,709
Canned meats & meat products.....		16,958	19,684	21,216
All edible offal ^{1/}	55,269	57,501	34,690	41,993
Total other meats & meat products.....	74,971	123,634	91,186	111,351

Total all meats ^{1/}	505,971	562,022	382,124	517,792
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LARD AND RENDERED PORK FAT

Lard.....	78,974	70,691	63,948	68,332
Rendered pork fat.....		2,686	2,578	2,539
Total.....		73,377	66,526	70,871

HIDES & PELTS.....		62,251	57,618	58,949
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^{1/} Current figures not entirely comparable with 5-yr. average.

Table 13. — Fishery products 1/

Species	'Dec. 1, 5-yr. 'av. 1943-47	Dec. 1 1947	Nov. 1 1948	Dec. 1 1948
	- Thousands of pounds -			
<u>Salt-water fish: frozen</u>				
Bait and animal food.....	2,013	1,991	2,007	2,114
Bluefish.....	149	184	299	323
Butter fish.....	959	717	489	383
Cod, had'k, hake, pollock, whole.....	2,614	1,254	1,986	2,206
Croakers.....	1,064	694	537	349
Eels.....	333	365	197	203
Filletts (miscellaneous).....	20,486	25,413	29,990	34,602
Flounders (inc. filletts).....	2,318	1,821	5,931	6,117
Halibut.....	13,309	17,825	19,231	16,765
Herring, sea.....	2,274	1,835	882	946
Mackerel (Boston) (inc. filletts).....	7,943	8,639	3,966	4,341
Mullet.....	1,556	284	416	584
Sablefish (black cod).....	4,277	3,522	5,144	5,369
Salmon (all species).....	15,816	14,745	11,884	13,432
Scup (porgies).....	1,318	473	1,119	986
Sea trout (weakfish, gray & sp.).....	845	632	455	486
Shad and shad roe.....	841	533	370	330
Smelts (sea).....	1,004	743	1,492	1,519
Swordfish.....	1,049	913	1,650	1,564
Whiting (inc. filletts).....	12,084	14,872	17,714	17,623
Miscellaneous salt-water fish.....	14,979	12,759	14,149	12,955
<u>Fresh-water fish: frozen</u>				
Bait and animal food.....	984	543	406	1,142
Blue pike & sauger (inc. filletts).....	827	552	914	1,281
Catfish and bullheads.....	261	157	210	314
Chubs.....	583	316	966	976
Lake herring & cisco (inc. filletts).....	2,790	1,176	525	1,183
Lake trout.....	713	696	677	667
Pickrel, jacks or yellow jacks.....	419	55	275	162
Sturgeon and spoonbill cat.....	332	413	413	456
Suckers.....	37	19	23	22
Tullibee.....	245	228	216	273
Yellow perch (inc. filletts).....	428	341	814	848
Yellow pike (or wall-eye)(inc. fil.)....	296	331	213	365
Whitefish.....	1,428	1,598	1,772	1,521
Miscellaneous fresh-water fish.....	1,710	1,535	1,458	1,509
<u>Shellfish: frozen</u>				
Lobster tails (spiny lobster).....	367	517	750	594
Scallops.....	1,479	2,111	2,928	3,117
Shrimp.....	12,956	16,716	12,148	16,083
Squid.....	1,569	2,269	1,392	1,495
Miscellaneous shellfish.....	1,734	2,315	2,041	2,179
Frozen fish, total.....	136,389	142,102	148,049	157,384
Cured fish, total.....	21,217	25,166	18,975	16,336
Total, all fish.....	157,606	167,268	167,024	173,720

1/ Data furnished by the Department of the Interior - Fish and Wildlife Service, which publishes a report giving detailed information, species and geographical sections.

Table 14. — Cold storage holdings December 1, 1948 by geographic regions

Commodity	Unit	New England	Middle Atlantic	East North Central	West North Central	South Atlantic	East South Central	West South Central	Mountain	Pacific	Total
- Thousands -											
FROZEN FRUITS											
Apples.....	Pounds	591	5,830	3,007	2,878	2,528	178	449	733	2,732	18,926
Apricots.....	"	231	1,801	1,801	649	209	13	556	269	4,658	10,195
Blackberries.....	"	116	1,489	1,542	796	447	537	437	195	4,868	10,527
Blueberries.....	"	1,618	3,841	2,755	600	158	13	114	38	307	9,444
Cherries.....	"	458	15,480	28,220	4,962	796	600	971	1,558	3,416	56,461
Grapes.....	"	6	6,345	5,823	257	159	24	116	36	798	13,564
Peaches.....	"	848	4,851	3,457	1,872	3,138	482	964	656	5,286	21,554
Plums and prunes.....	"	102	1,340	1,796	321	45	307	103	236	1,759	6,009
Raspberries.....	"	1,244	5,418	3,631	2,541	283	24	269	320	11,085	24,815
Strawberries.....	"	5,850	22,642	15,521	6,896	5,438	5,260	3,466	1,142	23,210	89,425
Young, Logan, Boysen, etc.....	"	111	633	2,634	624	26	82	131	242	8,474	12,957
Fruit juices and purees.....	"	1,050	14,113	3,960	1,397	2,227	124	1,040	310	5,981	30,202
All other fruits.....	"	9,286	9,875	9,671	2,433	1,393	591	1,620	232	6,480	41,581
FROZEN VEGETABLES											
Asparagus.....	Pounds	447	4,186	1,268	559	735	91	161	152	2,111	9,710
Beans, lima.....	"	1,280	16,739	7,471	3,867	4,680	590	1,022	476	20,902	57,027
Beans, snap.....	"	998	12,098	2,517	1,425	2,106	232	511	191	6,425	26,503
Broccoli.....	"	509	2,394	918	288	536	199	294	81	3,187	8,406
Brussels sprouts.....	"	73	1,678	474	122	92	29	141	31	1,146	3,786
Cauliflower.....	"	95	1,611	506	128	229	50	144	33	1,133	5,929
Corn, sweet.....	"	856	12,080	3,586	2,731	1,008	236	430	1,963	7,520	30,410
Peas, green.....	"	4,610	39,373	11,237	8,034	3,828	473	1,063	1,831	37,501	107,950
Pumpkin and squash.....	"	425	3,223	833	441	190	29	29	23	1,402	6,566
Spinach.....	"	436	5,442	1,484	449	711	209	461	190	2,256	11,645
All other vegetables.....	"	1,190	14,457	6,868	5,025	1,328	917	667	406	7,266	38,124
FRUITS & VEGETABLES											
Fresh apples.....	Bushels	1,414	4,042	1,713	508	2,598	98	63	40	11,616	22,097
Fresh pears.....	"	1	94	35	3	5	2	1	1	1,779	1,921
Other fresh fruits.....	Pounds	80	5,550	3,816	2,155	514	935	3,768	29	47,062	63,909
Dried & evaporated fruits.....	"	805	18,361	4,872	1,521	3,063	636	1,350	55	4,065	34,728
Canned fruits & vegetables.....	"	68	1,178	3,856	263	6	-	-	23	28	5,222
Potatoes.....	"	333	12,007	1,562	12,238	3,607	315	1,704	6,837	29,468	68,071
Onions.....	"	30	67,158	15,164	1,660	345	57	916	360	13,346	99,036
Celery.....	"	7	3,323	859	16	113	5	18	85	92	4,518
Other fresh vegetables.....	"	771	39,196	32,046	1,318	467	582	795	8	2,309	77,494
Peanut meats.....	"	424	371	7,060	168	369	64	148	103	330	9,037
Other nutmeats.....	"	470	4,678	2,025	1,721	464	340	2,101	52	1,847	13,698
Peanuts in shell.....	"	-	1,413	270	67	37	22	2	-	558	2,369
Other nuts in shell.....	"	10	695	1,414	813	1,799	293	2,967	54	372	8,417

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Cold storage holdings December 1, 1948 by geographic regions (con'd.)

Commodity	Unit	New England	Middle Atlantic	East North Central	West North Central	South Atlantic	East South Central	West South Central	Mountain	Pacific	Total
- Thousands -											
DAIRY PRODUCTS AND EGGS											
Cream (not including plastic)....	Pounds	2,427	18,078	10,397	6,286	1,305	1,064	739	42	923	41,261
Cream, plastic.....	"	257	491	233	3,016	405	191	613	115	398	5,719
Butter, creamery.....	"	792	15,402	19,462	11,931	1,793	3,163	2,051	905	4,366	59,865
Cheese, American cheddar.....	"	3,062	19,509	81,635	11,889	6,004	7,390	3,275	2,395	4,640	139,799
Cheese, Swiss incl. block.....	"		1,033	2,164	58	47	4	65	79	129	3,579
Cheese, all other varieties.....	"	.876	7,439	7,520	1,688	700	1,022	1,334	123	1,331	22,033
EGGS, shell.....	Cases	4	41	214	60	37	20	23	14	41	454
Eggs, frozen (Total).....	Pounds	2,962	31,743	41,806	37,531	5,232	2,679	10,329	1,570	5,086	130,938
Eggs, dried (Total).....	"	-	827	1,913	19,850	16	29	3,896	16	102	26,729
FROZEN POULTRY											
Broilers.....	Pounds	239	739	1,747	2,844	167	14	240	62	294	6,346
Fryers.....	"	395	1,236	2,564	2,953	1,744	81	548	449	.912	10,882
Roasters.....	"	1,034	3,378	3,519	5,759	224	15	60	36	1,493	15,518
Fowls.....	"	1,226	8,837	18,785	18,520	544	137	1,011	483	2,979	52,427
Turkeys.....	"	2,300	9,640	10,296	6,058	1,937	397	1,706	1,719	12,921	46,974
Ducks.....	"	587	2,463	1,151	247	280	31	138	21	459	5,377
Miscellaneous.....	"	246	1,227	2,850	1,366	181	465	296	163	336	7,150
Unclassified.....	"	58	2,473	14,845	1,458	498	258	395	1,786	2,374	24,145
MEATS & LARD											
Beef, frozen.....	Pounds	3,657	13,126	22,549	23,985	3,630	2,968	10,627	1,193	12,978	94,713
Veal, frozen.....	"	326	1,535	2,172	2,531	1,271	842	4,889	143	991	14,700
Pork, frozen.....	"	3,888	6,377	27,197	45,972	4,470	1,610	3,565	471	3,039	96,589
Lamb & Mutton, frozen.....	"	824	3,946	6,657	5,247	267	186	3,708	301	1,130	22,346
Beef, in cure, cured & smoked...	"	925	1,742	5,741	4,472	341	29	501	35	466	14,252
Dry salt pork, in cure & cured...	"	295	1,133	7,966	13,522	1,652	156	907	208	309	26,148
All other pork, in cure & cured and smoked.....	"	4,465	10,968	51,357	82,999	5,867	1,938	6,814	2,113	8,218	174,739
All edible offal.....	"	924	4,554	12,672	15,795	2,033	988	2,101	711	2,215	41,993
Lard.....	"	1,893	8,961	31,611	20,282	1,392	760	1,365	272	1,796	68,332
Rendered pork fat.....	"	-	124	936	1,214	71	3	89	-	102	2,539
Sausage room products.....	"	291	2,542	3,650	1,694	666	290	156	346	1,461	11,096
Canned meats and meat products...	"	230	2,086	6,051	9,472	598	77	148	262	1,392	21,216
Hides and pelts.....	"	-	2,952	15,894	30,471	1,889	580	3,226	1,266	2,662	58,940
Fish.....	"	41,984	30,033	25,577	9,951	6,429	7,000	4,866	860	30,664*	157,384

* Includes fish in Alaska.

